

IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) A mechanism for writing instruments comprising:

a first element including a guide extending between substantially parallel first and second edges;

a second element including a pin extending into the guide and movable along the guide, the pin having a given width in a transverse direction of the guide; and

at least one locking device for the pin,

wherein said at least one locking device includes a recess extending in the first edge between a first and a second end and, an elastic member which extends opposite the recess from at least one first base integral with the first end of the recess to a summit placed in the guide at a distance from the second edge, the distance being less than the width of the pin.

13. (New) The mechanism according to claim 12, wherein the first base of the elastic member extends into the extension of the first edge.

14. (New) The mechanism according to claim 13, wherein the elastic member has a second base integral with the second end of the recess.

15. (New) The mechanism according to claim 12, wherein the elastic member includes a general U-shaped portion.

16. (New) The mechanism according to claim 14, wherein the first base has a length substantially greater than the length of the second base.

17. (New) The mechanism according to Claim 12, wherein the guide has at least one end stop extending between the first and second edges, the locking device being arranged at a distance from the stop which is suitable for the elastic member to be in contact with the pin when it is pressed against the end stop.

18. (New) The mechanism according to Claim 12, wherein the first element and the locking device comprise a single member.

19. (New) A writing instrument comprising:
a tubular body having a front end provided with an opening;
a writing point capable of moving between a storage position in which the point is arranged inside said tubular body and a writing position in which the point passes through the opening; and
a mechanism according to claim 12, which controls the movement of said writing point from the storage position to the writing position, and from the writing position to the storage position.

20. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 19, wherein said body includes a first tubular part and a second tubular part mounted pivotally relative to the first part, said first element of the mechanism being driven in rotation by the first tubular part, said second element of the mechanism being movable in translation relative to the second tubular part, wherein said guide includes a helical shape.

21. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 20, wherein said guide includes a proximal end stop relative to the opening, a distal end stop, a first locking device arranged proximal the rear end, and a second locking device arranged near the distal end.

22. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 19, wherein a mobile member connected to the point forms said second element, the first part of said body forms said first element, and the second part of said body includes a housing capable of cooperating with the mobile member and suited for guiding the mobile member in translation.

23. (New) A mechanism for writing instruments comprising:
a first element including a guide extending between substantially parallel first and second edges;
a second element including a pin extending into the guide and movable along the guide, the pin having a given width in a transverse direction of the guide; and
at least one locking device for the pin,
wherein said at least one locking device includes a recess extending in the first edge between a first and a second end, and an elastic member which extends opposite the recess

from at least one first base integral with the first end of the recess to a summit placed in the guide at a distance from the second edge, the distance being less than the width of the pin, and

wherein the first base of the elastic member extends into the extension of the first edge.

24. (New) A mechanism for writing instruments comprising:
a first element including a guide extending between substantially parallel first and second edges;

a second element including a pin extending into the guide and movable along the guide, the pin having a given width in a transverse direction of the guide; and

at least one locking device for the pin,

wherein said at least one locking device includes a recess extending in the first edge between a first and a second end, and an elastic member which extends opposite the recess from at least one first base integral with the first end of the recess to a summit placed in the guide at a distance from the second edge, the distance being less than the width of the pin,

wherein the first base of the elastic member extends into the extension of the first edge, and

wherein the elastic member has a second base integral with the second end of the recess.